

death of your lamented Royal Brother, the Duke of York and Albany; permit us, therefore, to express, in common with our fellow subjects, our sincere condolence at the bereavement you as a Sovereign and Brother have experienced, and our lament at the irreparable loss the country has met with of its most esteemed and valued Commander-in-Chief, and to supplicate Heaven to soothe your sorrow, and to restore you speedily to the enjoyment of tranquillity, and that unalloyed happiness which your subjects wish to be the share of the best of Kings.

Signed in our name and presence, and by our appointment, at Elgin, the 6th day of February 1827, by *Arch. Dunbar, P.*

[Transmitted by *Sir Arch. Dunbar, Bart.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

The loyal and dutiful Address of the Magistrates and Town Council of the Burgh of Musselburgh.

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Magistrates and Town Council of the Burgh of Musselburgh, beg to offer to your Majesty our very sincere sympathy and condolence on the truly afflicting event with which it has pleased Providence to visit your Majesty and this Country. We revere and cherish the remembrance of the many virtues which adorned the character of His Royal Highness the late Duke of York; and while we deplore the event, which has deprived the country of his valuable services, and your Majesty of so faithful and affectionate a brother, we rejoice in the hope that his virtues will long live in the memory of the nation at large, and that his bright example will act as a stimulus to his successor to tread in the same steps.

We offer to your Majesty our sincere professions of attachment and fidelity, and earnestly pray that your Majesty may long sway the sceptre of these realms, and ever retain the character which you so justly merit of the father of your people.

Subscribed in our name, and by our authority, and the seal of the Burgh affixed, this 10th day of February 1827, by

*James Kemp, Chief Magistrate.*

[Transmitted by *James Kemp, Esq. Chief Magistrate.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Archbishop, the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church, the Archdeacon and Clergy of the Diocese of Canterbury, approach your Majesty in deepest sorrow to condole with your Majesty on the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of York.

In this expression of grief, common to the whole empire, we take a sincere part, founded on His Royal Highness' distinguished merits as a public man, and especially on his efficient, fixed and undeviating support of our Protestant Constitution in Church and State.

But, Sir, the sorrows to which we look with peculiar interest and anxiety are those which surround your Majesty's Throne, involving in them not only

the higher considerations of the State, but the finer and perhaps keener feelings of human nature, arising from the loss of a devoted friend, an affectionate brother, the companion of your Majesty's earliest life, and the faithful partaker of all its vicissitudes.

We pray God, who alone can administer comfort to sorrows like these, to administer to your Majesty in His infinite goodness and mercy perfect consolation.

[Here follow the Signatures.]

[Transmitted by the *Archbishop.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor, Sheriffs, and Citizens of the County of the City of Waterford, truly sensible of the irreparable loss your Majesty has sustained by the death of your beloved Brother, His Royal Highness the Duke of York, beg leave to tender to your Majesty the expression of our sincere sympathy on the afflicting event.

We are deeply impressed with the admirable and effectual regulations established by His Royal Highness for the government of your Majesty's army, and with the honourable impartiality with which he discharged his important duty as Commander-in-Chief, his uniform courtesy to the officer, and his kindly feeling to the soldier, have equally endeared his memory to their recollection.

In offering to your Majesty our respectful condolence, we request your Majesty will accept our assurances of devoted attachment to your Royal Person, our anxious wishes for the long continuance of your Majesty's life, and our fervent prayer that your Majesty's Throne may be ever fixed on that most solid and glorious foundation—the united affections of a free and loyal people. *Henry H. Hunt, Mayor.*

Waterford, January 27, 1827.

[Transmitted by the *Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.*]

Unto His Most Gracious Majesty KING George the Fourth.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the United Incorporations of Mary's Chapel, of the City of Edinburgh, would most humbly beg leave to offer to your Majesty our sincere condolence on the lamented death of His Royal Highness the Duke of York, whereby your Majesty has been deprived of a beloved and affectionate Brother, and the Country has lost his invaluable services as Commander-in-Chief of the British army.

The energy, impartiality, and benevolence with which His Royal Highness discharged the duties of that important office, for the period of upwards of thirty years, and by which the army has been brought to its present high state of discipline, and many most invaluable comforts secured to every officer and soldier, had secured to His Royal Highness the respect and veneration of the whole British army, and the confidence and attachment of your Majesty's subjects.

We humbly trust that your Majesty will derive some consolation under this afflicting event, from the sympathy felt by all your Majesty's subjects; and